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Waiver of Citizenship Requirements for Crewmembers on Commercial Fishing Vessels Published

The U.S. Coast Guard published in the Federal Register on 18 Aug a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on waivers of exemption from citizenship requirements on commercial fishing vessels. Through this rulemaking, the Coast Guard proposes to create a description of the procedures for requesting and processing waivers of exemption from current citizenship requirements for individuals on commercial fishing vessels.

This proposed rule would improve efforts to inform the commercial fishing industry of this opportunity by incorporating application procedure policy into existing regulations. The NPRM would also mandate satisfactory completion of a dockside safety examination as a condition for receiving a waiver from the citizenship requirements, further enhancing the Coast Guard's mission to promote maritime safety and security.

The NPRM and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2010-0625.

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